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ASSISTANT CLERK: Next amendment is offered by Senator Chambers. Senator, this is FA330. (FA330, Legislative Journal page 1096.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, this amendment goes to page 4 of the committee amendment and what it would do is reduce that \$7,500 to \$5,000. I'm not in favor of the bounty system and it exists in many forms and guises. There was a county up near the reservation, Thurston County, and there was a sheriff named Clyde Storie, and he was a little shorty, bowlegged fellow who had people up there intimidated. He had a long skinny nose and one of those mouths that looks like a gash, and he kind of spoke with a low growl, and his eyes were so close together that you could take one finger and stick it in both of his eyes at the same time. And he put in place a bounty system because under the law a sheriff was paid so much per meal served per day to inmates. So what he would do is go out just before midnight, round up however many Native Americans he could find, and put them in jail, so for that few minutes that constituted a day. And he'd give them some crackers with peanut butter, that's one day. He'd keep them the next day, then release them shortly after midnight, and he got paid for three days. And that was the bounty system and it stayed in place for all those years until I came down here. There is much dirty work that I had to undertake to clean up that was in the statutes of this state until I got here. So I have a career in this Legislature of undoing terribly unjust, insulting, demeaning things that befell others; but in all those years of senators coming down here, none were disturbed by it enough to try to correct it, but I did and all those things are forgotten. People remember pain only while they feel it. Now the Bible even said that about women; that when she's in travail to give birth to a child the pain is excruciating, but as soon as the child comes into the world...this is what I don't believe but I can't document it because I haven't been in that position...she is so happy that she has given birth to a child that she forgets the pain. Personally, I don't believe that, but the Bible is divinely inspired and that's what it says, so any of you women who remember that pain, you're violating the